



## **SIGNER OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION**

**DAVID BREARLEY**

*1745 — 1790*

Presided over the State convention which ratified the federal constitution. He was elected Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court in 1779. In 1780, he ruled on a Monmouth County law permitting a jury of six. Since then, this function of judiciary and principle of judicial power over unconstitutional legislation has held up in New Jersey.